In the 1970s, completing Interstate 70 through Glenwood Canyon became a reality. It wouldn’t be fully realized until nearly two decades later, given the extensive planning, environmental reports, concepts, and ideas. Agencies working on the project spanned far beyond Colorado and changed rapidly throughout the project. Many associate the project exclusively with Garfield County, but Eagle County residents would be equally impacted by this innovation in western slope transportation routes.

Throughout the project, a citizens’ task force was formed. Mary Hoza (1928-2017), Eagle resident, was an active member, leader, and force in connecting large agencies, like Colorado Department of Transportation, to citizens that would be directly impacted by the project. This collection represents Mary’s correspondence, meetings, and involvement in this task force and the many intersecting interests of Eagle County, Garfield County, state/national transportation officials with architecture, design, and engineering.

This collection has been inventoried, meaning the following items can be found but no further research or arrangement has been completed. This is not meant to be a comprehensive, inclusive list of every item, but rather a general description of contents, locations, and possible research topics.

The collection contains, but is not limited to, concept drawings; concept maps and engineering assessments; correspondence between citizens, citizen groups, and state/national agencies; public hearing notes, information; and much more. The library also has, in a separate collection, newsletters called “Canyon Echos”, a citizen-driven publication with updates and concerns about the project.

Artifacts such as a “Glenwood Canyon Interstate 70 Project” team hat, drilling sample from Hanging Lake Tunnels, tile from Hanging Lake tunnels, are also included and may be on exhibit display.

**Box 1**

1978, October 16  Glenwood Canyon Preliminary design; prepared by DeLeuw, Cather & Company for Colorado Division of Highways. Book studying physical, noise and air quality effects of the highway.


1976, September 13  Glenwood Canyon I-70 design process, Environmental resources; prepared by DeLuew, Cather & Company for Colorado Division of Highways. Book discussing the impact the highway would have on the environment.

1980, November  Impact questions regarding lower Eagle Valley; prepared by Adam’s Rib Joint Review Committee and The Foundation for Urban and Neighborhood Development Inc. Book concerns what would happen if the Adam’s Rib area was developed.

1976, September 20  Glenwood Canyon I-70 design process; analysis of traffic accidents in Glenwood Canyon prepared by the Colorado Division of Highways. Analysis of traffic accidents in the canyon, involves math.
1982, June 11  Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and Section 404 Permit Decision; submitted to the Army Corps of Engineers by Citizens for Glenwood Canyon Scenic Corridor. Includes leaflets, letters to to Colonel Kavanaugh from Jim Gibson and other letters involving Canyon Scenic Corridor people.

Undated  Book of different maps showing different routes to build a highway through Glenwood Canyon.

Undated  “Description of subalternatives in Segment B.” Paper showing ways to ‘trade off’ different sections of the highway. Boring. No pictures.


Undated  Book with dots all over it. Light brown. Gruen Associates, architecture, planning and engineering firm. Book about why the people should choose this company to help design I-70. Also contains loose-leaf.


Undated  Evaluation Matrix of different ways to build Interstate 70 through Glenwood Canyon.

Untitled, Undated  The State Department of Highways Division of Highways State of Colorado. Book contains copies of public comments about building Interstate 70.

1983, September  Glenwood Canyon Project Directory by the Colorado Department of Highways. Contact book containing lists of phone numbers / addresses for people involved with building the highway.

Undated  Outline of Study to be Conducted for Citizen’s Advisory Committee Regarding the Choice of Highway Designs for Glenwood Canyon. Book looks and feels like a college report on the highway.


1976, Nov. 10  Looseleaf paper copy of a newspaper article, letter to the editor type thing titled “More Bullfeathers.”

1976, Nov. 3  Looseleaf paper titled Glenwood Canyon Citizens Advisory Committee; Colorado Division of Highways. Meeting notes.

1976, Nov. 11  Stapled pieces of paper with notes and public comments about the highway.


1982, Sept. 11  Glenwood Canyon I-70 Fine Tuning Status and Review. Final segment of fine tuning for the highway. Also inside contains looseleaf piece of Canyon Echoes newspaper.

1976, June 30  Glenwood Canyon Attitude Study; State Division of Highways – District 3 Tabular Results. Lots of people’s thoughts on the new highway / proposed highway.

Undated  Titled “Mary Hoza.” Glenwood Canyon Citizens’ Advisory Committee. Includes notes personal notes about people’s views on the highway. Includes looseleaf letters written to Sam, Blake, Henry, Al, Floyd and Mark from Eagle, Colorado.

Undated  Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration prepared by the Colorado Division of Highways; Final Environmental/4 (f) Statement; Project I 70-2(11), Dotsero West. Contains a location study report, environmental statement, summary of public hearing and answers, draft of environmental impact statement and response. Thicc.

1980, Dec. 15  Design Administration and Management Statement No. 2 prepared for the Colorado Division of Highways by DMJM Gruen. Binder includes many letters including a letter from the town of Vail Mayor, many concerning the Interstate from the Colorado Division of Highways, and there’s a pencil or pen.


Undated  Looseleaf piece inviting Mary presumably to the Glenwood Springs City Hall Council Chambers to discuss the I-70 project.

1991, Dec. 5  Looseleaf stapled letter to Janet Buck from Ralph Trapani, Glenwood Canyon management plan manager. His thoughts on the I-70 project because he couldn’t make the meeting.


1993, Aug. 9  Looseleaf letter to Mary Hoza from the Colorado Section of American Society of Civil Engineers. They are going to meet at the Glenwood Canyon Project meeting.

1993  Looseleaf letter listing hotels for people coming to Glenwood.


1994, April 11  Looseleaf notes from a WRNFA Meeting at Hotel Colorado.

1994, April 6  Loose-leaf letter to Mary Hoza from William Wood and Thomas Portice about the next White River National Forest Association Chapter meeting will be.

Undated  Looseleaf paper listing members of the Glenwood Canyon Task Force.

1993, Oct. 8  Looseleaf events program for an American Society of Civil Engineers meeting.

1976, Nov. 10  Looseleaf worksheet cover letter for a transmittal of transcript for public meeting of CAC presentation for Grand Junction to Denver.

**Box 2**

Undated  One Glenwood Canyon Project CDOT hat

Undated  Eagle County “Things to do” booklet. Orange. Page 16: sticky noted article about Glenwood Canyon project

1976, March 26  Eagle County Board of Commissioners Resolution. Notice about picking a resident to represent Eagle County in Glenwood Canyon Project. Signed by Dale F. Grant, chairman; Daniel F. Koprinikar; and Alfred F. Orlosky; and Maxwell R. Barz, clerk of the board.

1979, November 1979 Test Plot Evaluation, by DeLeuw Cather for Colorado Division of Highways for Glenwood Canyon project. Information about what types of plants will grow back well / if at all after highway project.
1978, March  

1976, Dec. 10  
Letter from Citizens for Glenwood Canyon Scenic Corridor (Mark A. A. Skrotzki) to Members of the Citizens Advisory Committee. Letter concerns highway impacts on wildlife, recreation activities and provides other options.

1977, Aug. 15  
Yellow envelope to Mrs. Mary Hoza from P. D. Grounds (?). Contains:
Smaller envelope to Mary Hoza with reprinted Daily Sentinel article, “Canyon Road still brings quarrels.” Dated March 21, 1978
Smaller envelope to Mary Hoza containing letter to Mary from D. W. Grounds about supplemental agreement. Also contains agreement between Mary and Glenwood Canyon Citizens Advisory Committee.
Copy of Canyon Echos dated Fall, 1977.
Newspaper clip from The Vail Villager dated Jan. 6, 1976, “Commissioners on record for 4-lanes in Canyon” and “Commissioners ‘unfair’ says Mary Hoza.”

1976, Dec. 10  
Envelope to Mary Hoza from Chambliss Dillon and Associate containing Glenwood Canyon Advisory Committee meeting notes and a paper with recommendations about proposed link of I-70 through Glenwood Canyon.

1980, Oct. 20  
Large envelope to Mary Hoza from Glenwood Canyon Project Office containing:
Worksheet showing what is contained (for your information) “CAC”
Handwritten note on “Task force report” listing different things, “Regan administration,” Eric Beal (?), Bill Litchfield.
Handwritten note dated Feb. 26, 1981; Bureau of Land Management notes, bridge design out for review, No Name final top soil and landscaping, etc.
Yellow handwritten note dated Sept. 15, 1981; notes on a meeting, Jim fisher, Ed Miller, Jim Golden, Bear Ranch Interchange, etc.
Envelope addressed to Mary Hoza from State Department of Highways containing copy of letter to The Honorable Herman Edel about Aspen Resolution #10. Attached is Resolution #10.
Smaller envelope addressed to Mary Hoza containing CAC/TRG meeting notes dated Feb. 26, 1981. Also attached is copy of letter to Dick Proscuse (?) and list of all who attended.
set forth the objectives, policies, priorities and procedures that … guide and govern final design” about highway project.


1981, Feb. 13 Glenwood Canyon I-70 Fine Tuning Status and Review. Update of fine tuning process, includes updates on Roadway templates, assessment criteria, review of west end, review of Grizzly Creek, review of hanging Lake to Reserve Curve, review of French Creek.


1976, Nov. 24 White envelope addressed to Mary Hoza from DeLuew Cather and Company containing:

Copies of newspaper print “CAC votes to kill 2-lane”


1977, March 16 Brown envelope addressed to Mary Hoza from State Department of Highways containing:

Letter to Hoza about enclosed “Agreement to Serve on Advisory Committee”

Draft copy of agreement.

“Resolution No. 76-11” “Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Glenwood Springs, that the State Highway Commission and … urged to proceed immediately with design and construction of four lane highway.”


Two copies of Canyon Echos dated Fall, 1977. “Preliminary design nearly complete.”


1976, Nov. 29 Brown envelope addressed to Mary Hoza from Diemoz Construction containing:
Lots of graphs about every (?) aspect of the canyon construction.

1981
Envelope addressed to Mary Hoza containing blank notepad.

Undated
Brown envelope addressed to Mary Hoza (yellow house, brown trim) from R. J. Trapani, Colorado Division of Highways project manager containing:

- Looseleaf letter to Hoza stating US Department of Transportation has approved the design for I-70 through canyon; dated Sept. 24, 1979.
- One erasable pen (?) from World Imports of Colorado Inc.
- One (apparently unused) planning notebook.

Undated

1980, Oct. 10
Envelope addressed to Mary Hoza from Glenwood Canyon Project office containing:

- “I-70 Glenwood Canyon The Final Link.” Undated. Has some signatures in it from other people who were involved. Book about the construction process / facts about the highway.

Box 3

Undated
Envelope addressed to Mary Hoza, no return address containing:

- Legal document about Agreement to Serve on Advisory Committee.
- Letter to People Interested in Glenwood Canyon from Henry Faussone, Blake Chambliss, Mary Hoza, Al Koeneke, Sam Caudill, Floyd Diemoz. Dated Nov. 6, 1978. Letter pleads to people to understand the design, committee purpose of the new highway.

Letter addressed to Mary Hoza from State Department of Highways thanking Mary for her time riding the train through the highway.

Looseleaf letter to Mary Hoza and Al Hoza from CDOT members thanking the Hozas for going to a I-70 Mountain Corridor Open House in 2000.

Looseleaf letter to Mary Hoza from CDOT about the I-70 Mountain Corridor Record of Decision Signed … in 2011.

Ribbon from the ribbon cutting ceremony from 1991 and 1989.

Newspaper clipping from the Denver Post dated Oct. 11, 1992, about the canyon and its “historic traffic delays”


1977, Jan. 13 Envelope addressed to Mr. Al Hoza from The Church of the Holy Cross. Letter to Mrs. Al Hoza from Rev. Don Simonton about how the Eagle County Commissioners are stupid.

1976, Nov. 18 Envelope addressed to Mary Hoza from the University of Colorado. Letter takes side of Hoza regarding her decision she made about the highway.

1982, April 29 Looseleaf letter from Mary Hoza to Army Corps Engineer Colonel Kavanaugh. Letter concerns how much fill the Rio Grande Railroad wants to put on the south side of the canyon.

1976, Dec. 31 Looseleaf letter to Mary from Henry J. Faussone discussing decision to go from 2-lane highway to 4-lane.

1976, Dec. 23 Newspaper copies from Glenwood Post Independent (?) about car crash in Glenwood Canyon.

1976, Oct. 16 Envelope to Mary Hoza from Deleuw Cather and Company containing slides. And a letter saying his envelope contains slides.

Undated Newspaper clip that says “A Guide to Glenwood Canyon” showing two tunnels.

Undated Newspaper clip from Rocky Mountain News, Colorado & The West section head “12-year traffic jam ends at last.”

Undated Looseleaf paper comparing fatal accident rates per 100 million vehicle miles.

1979, April 5 Looseleaf paper stating enclosed within is final volume of Design Report of Glenwood Canyon highway project.

1979, June 27 Meeting notes and agenda. Contains hierarchy for people involved in design.

1977 Copy of legal document titled “Agreement to Serve on Advisory Committee”

1971, Oct. 13 State of Colorado legal document certifying Byron A. Anderson, Secretary of State of Colorado, thinks a highway through the canyon is a bad idea.
 Undated: Looseleaf paper with Functions and Rel. Imp. Measurements.

1976: Copy of a legal doc titled “Agreement to Serve on Advisory Committee.”

1976, April 1: Booklet titled “Glenwood Canyon Work Program Design Process.” Shows design process for every team involved in the design of the highway, including responsibilities, work codes, administrative authority, etc.

Undated: Looseleaf paper showing where Citizens Advisory Committee relationship stands.

1976, May 20: Copy of survey going door to door asking about Glenwood Canyon project.

1976, March 25: Letter from Deleuw, Cather and Company saying how excited they are to be the architectural firm behind the highway project. Lists qualifications, staff, process, etc.

1975, August: Resume for Eric A. Beal, who was with DeLeuw, Cather and Company

1975, November: Compiled list of roadway accidents in Glenwood Canyon.

1975, October: Looseleaf: what appears to be the second half of a resume.

Undated: Copy of a book titled “A Policy on Design Standards.”

1976, April 9: Looseleaf transcription of a phone call from Mr. McCarthy concerning approving construction of highway as long as it fits code.

Undated: Looseleaf drawings of lane structures of highway-to-be

1976 (?): Graphs showing rates of traffic through canyon on a monthly basis.

Undated: “Glenwood Canyon A Design Approach” Some sort of college / association created draft plan for the highway. Inside pretty folder with canyon drawing.

Undated: Four separate proposals containing drawings for what to build and flash cards containing information.

1978, Nov. 8: Yellow envelope addressed to Mary Hoza from Mutual Savings Loan Association containing:

Assorted newspaper clippings from the Eagle Valley Enterprise, the Vail Trail and the Glenwood Springs Post Independent about bridge construction dating from 1970s to 2012.

Copies of letters to people interested in Glenwood Canyon project, 1978, letter calling for comments on highway, letter to the district ranger about the highway, and letter to Lowell Jackson from Colorado House of Reps.


1977, May 26: Memo from Division of highways announcing reception of guidebook for those on the Citizen committee.

1977, Aug. 12: Memo from S. M. Blue discussing highway safety consequences.

1977, Sept. 12  Collection of public (?) comments and letters sent in to the Citizens committee.
1977, Nov. 8  Agenda for Citizen’s Advisory Committee Meeting. Attached to a letter.
1976, July  Envelope addressed to Mary Hoza. Contains transportation trends booklet, Citizens committee notes, agendas, etc.
1976  Envelope containing CAC meeting Memo, “Transparencies” notebook, letter to Mary Hoza from Colorado University, letter to Samuel Caudill from Virginia Sandfort, letter to CAC from John S. Holden, letter to CAC from Wesley Tenbrook, “Trade off areas” handbook.
1977, March 29  Envelope to Mary Hoza containing “Transportation Trends” booklet from June 1976 and May 1976, letter to Ken Fowler, information requests for canyon accidents, letter to Mrs. Connor from DoI, CAC canyon technical review, “Relationships between roadway geometrics and accidents” scientific study, traffic accidents letter / paperwork, Division of Wildlife letter, meeting notes, CAC meeting notes, fatal accidents report, tunnel ventilation requirements study, lots of accident charts.
1976, July 1  Letter to Miriam Millson about workshops
1976, June 29  Letter to Mary Hoza thanking her.
1976, Nov. 3  Letter to Mary Hoza about report distribution.
1977, July 6  Letter to Mary Hoza containing meeting notes about design review.
1977, March 8  Letter to Mary Hoza containing design updates from Sam Caudill.
1977, Aug. 5  Letter to Mary Hoza containing design alternatives for highway.
1977, April 4  Letter to Mary Hoza containing notes about highway construction / thoughts on decisions from governor’s highway coordinator.
1977, Feb. 1  Letter to Mary Hoza containing a check because of overdue meeting costs
1986, April 29  Meeting notes from public traffic coordination meeting.
1978, Nov. 6  Letter from CAC to people interested in glenwood canyon. Timeline of sorts. X5
1978, Oct. 29  Newspaper copy about an article of a guy who wants to keep canyon beautiful.
1978, Oct. 4  Letter to Mary Hoza containing copy of draft design report for I-70
1976, November Transportation trends report.
1976, Oct. 14 White envelope to Mary Hoza containing copy of report for CAC presentation. (To go with slideshow, it would seem)
1980, July 31 Glenwood Canyon project phone / address directory
1986, Sept. 19 Letter from Floyd Diemoz talking about his canyon visit to CAC.
1986, June 1 Letter from J. R. Passonneau talking about his visit to the canyon.
1981, Sept. 15 Meeting minutes from CAC
1986, June 9 Letter from Ralph Trapani talking about going to CAC meeting
1992, Oct. 17 Letter from Blake Chambliss to Ralph Trapini talking about the highway completion and the highways impacts on the land.
1992, Aug. 7 Letter to Mary Hoza inviting her to the ribbon cutting ceremony.
1991, Nov. 27 memo saying attached is GC Steering Committee (unattached).
Undated Glenwood Canyon Management Plan (draft)
1992, Aug. 27 Glenwood Canyon Management plan (draft, different)
1991, Aug. 8 Glenwood Canyon meeting notes.
1991 invitation notice.
1986? Glenwood canyon construction schedule chart
1982, Aug. 11 Project directory
Undated Highway elements comparison chart
2000, June Summary of Issues discussing Glenwood Canyon.
2000, July I-70 Preliminary Draft Purpose and Need statement. Attached comment card.
Undated Open house invitation for environmental impact statement
1983, July 15 Letter to Mary Hoza notifying Lewis F. Sturm is new Assistant District engineer.
Undated Paper talking about environmental impacts of highway. Seems newer.
1981, July 15 Letter to CAC member containing construction updates.
1982, April 15 construction. Letter to CAC members containing a newspaper clipping about railroad
1982, Feb. 26 CAC meeting notes about construction.
1987, June 12  Letter to Lowell Jackson concerning money for construction.
1987, June 22  Follow-up letter to Lowell Jackson regarding highway funds.
1983, July 14  Letter from Floyd Diemoz concerning the sub-par ways the railroad has gone about requesting construction permits differing from that of the Colorado Department of Highways.
1982, May 5  Public Notice regarding request to use fill dirt for construction.
1982, April 12  Booklet containing fill dirt information for highway construction.
1983, June 13  Public Notice booklet showing exactly where fill dirt would go for highway construction.
1982, Sept 18  Meeting notes from CAC meeting about construction / design status.
1982, Feb. 8  Revision explanations for Design Project.
1982, April 21  Letter to CAC members giving updates on personnel / construction.
1976, Oct. 27  Brown envelope addressed to Mary Hoza containing a lot of paperwork from 1976. Alternatives, Transportation Trends, meeting notes, letters, etc.
1981, May 15  Design Administration and Management statement No. 3. Work schedules, progress reports, design elements, design review procedure.
1979, March  Design report for bridge construction. Contains those opposed / for design
1981, Sept. 15  Glenwood Canyon I-70 fine tuning report. Timelines for fine tuning highway construction ideas.
1977, April 15  Glenwood Canyon design process report. Discusses recreation in regard to new highway.

**Large Box – bound books, large concept drawings/maps**

1980  Photocopies of newspaper clippings.
Undated Three pages of design elements of building the canyon.
Undated Big green book titled “Glenwood Canyon, An Alternative.”
Undated Bound sheets of architectural drawings for 54’ and 68’ highway, sheets 1-14
Undated Handout titled “I-70 Glenwood canyon the final link.” X3
Undated Architectural drawings of the canyon
1974, June 18  Book titled “A Design Concept for Interstate 70 Glenwood Canyon, Colorado.” Discusses putting trucks underneath cars.


1977, November  “Tentative Alignment From East of Hanging Lake to Siloam Springs” by Gruen Associates. Construction Charts

1977, Jan. 7  “Design Development Services.” Contains documents showing fability for company to design canyon.


Many newspaper clippings, 1970s. Eagle Valley Enterprise, Vail Trail.